The ABCs of DDD

An Overview of the Arizona
Division of Developmental Disabilities

Our Mission

To support the choices of
individuals with disabilities and
their families by promoting and
providing community-based,
flexible, quality, consumer-driven
services and supports.

Vision

Individuals with
developmental disabilities are
valued members of their
communities and are involved
and participating members
based on their own choices.

Arizona

- The developmental disabilities recognized by Arizona's Division of Developmental Disabilities include:
  - Cognitive disability
  - Cerebral palsy
  - Epilepsy
  - Autism

Eligibility for the Division

- An individual must:

  - Apply voluntarily;

  - Be a resident of Arizona;

  - Have a documented developmental disability; and

- The developmental disability must have occurred prior to the age of 18.

Eligibility Continued...

- In addition to one of the four developmental disabilities, an individual:

  - Must have substantial functional limitations in at least 3 of 7 life domains; and
  - Must agree to cooperate with Arizona Long Term Care (AHCCCS) requirements.

Life Domains

- Self-care
- Receptive and/or expressive language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self-direction
- Capacity for independent living
- Economic self-sufficiency

Who We Serve...

- The Division serves all ages, birth through the end of a person's life.

- Eligibility criteria is slightly different for children under 6. A child must:
  - Have a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or cognitive disability; or
  - Be "at risk" of a developmental delay; or
  - Demonstrate a 'significant developmental delay.'

Who Determines Eligibility?

- Each Division District Office has staff designated to complete the intake and eligibility determination process with interested persons.

- Interested individuals and/or their families may also access eligibility and intake information and/or submit a referral at the Division's website at:
  www.azdes.gov/ddd

Once Eligible, Forever Eligible?

- Eligibility is formally re-determined at age 6 and prior to the individual's 18th birthday.

- An individual may be assessed as no longer eligible should their abilities reach the level that Division services and supports are no longer needed.

Categories of Eligibility

- State-Only (DD-Only)

- Medicaid Acute Care (Targeted)

- Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS)

Types of Eligibility Continued...

- DD-Only
  - Eligible for DDD support coordination; community resource referrals
- Targeted
  - Eligible for acute health care services through AHCCCS; DDD support coordination
- ALTCS
  - Eligible for all of the above; DDD support coordination; home- and community-based services

Support Coordination

- Once a person is found DDD eligible, they will be contacted by a Support Coordinator (case manager).

- Support Coordinators serve as the primary point of contact with the Division.

- Support Coordinators assist with connecting individuals with resources.

Support Coordination Continued...

- The Support Coordinator will meet with the individual/family at regular intervals, based on eligibility requirements and individual preference.

- The Support Coordinator has the responsibility for developing an individualized plan for every Division consumer.

Service Planning

- The Division uses an individualized planning approach. Plan types include:

  - Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for early intervention services (birth to age 3)
  - Individual Support Plan (ISP)
  - Person-Centered Plan (PCP)

Division Services

- All services are dependant on eligibility, documented assessed need and availability of funding.

- Services can not be provided by the Division until the individual's plan (IFSP, ISP, PCP) documents the need and desired outcomes.

HCBS Services

- The Division offers a wide range of Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

- 89% of the individuals enrolled with the Division live in their own or family home.

Respite

- Provides a certified and trained person to supervise and care for an individual to give the caregivers a break.

- May be provided in the person's home or their provider's home.

- As warranted, may be provided by a nurse.

Attendant Care

- A certified and trained assistant to help a person attain or maintain safe and sanitary living conditions and/or maintain personal cleanliness and completion of activities of daily living.

Habilitation

- Intended to teach a person life skills to increase their independence. This service can be provided in a person's home or their community.

Day Treatment and Training

- Typically facility-based training, supervision, and therapeutic activities designed to promote skill development in independent living, self-care, communication, and social relationships.

Employment Services & Supports

- Employment services & supports are available for:

  - DDD–Only eligible individuals when funding is available
  - ALTCs-eligible individuals after completion of the RSA/VR Program (if eligible)

Types of Supports & Services:

- Individual Supported Employment
- Group Supported Employment
- Center-Based Employment
- Employment Support Aide
- Transportation for Employment

Individual Supported Employment

- Age 18 or older
- Competitive community-based employment
- Paid by the employer
- Job coaching supports
- Job search services

Group Supported Employment

- Age 18 or older
- Community integrated work setting
- Supervised by provider staff and paid by the hour
- Sub-minimum or minimum wage dependent upon individual productivity
- Typical settings include enclaves or mobile work crews

Center-Based Employment

- Age 21 or older
- Services facility-based, non-integrated setting
- Supervised and paid by agency provider based on productivity
- Paid work and vocational skill building
- Typical participation is 6-7 hours per day

Employment Support Aid

- 1-to-1 on-the-job support
- Personal care assistance
- Behavioral support
- Long term follow-along support

Additional Services

- Other services the Division offers include:

  - Home health care
  - Residential living arrangements
  - Assistive technology
  - Occupational, physical, and speech
  - Home nursing
  - Home modifications

Questions?

For More Information

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